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1. Leave. Officers are entitled to 28 days of leave annually. However, because of the officer shortage, it is in most cases impossible to take more than seven days of annual leave. Officers are paid for unused leave time. Enlisted men are no longer entitled to furloughs. During weekdays they are allowed to leave their casernes only after securing a special pass signed by the commanding officer. On weekends, up to 40 percent of unit personnel can be permitted to leave the caserne for local trips. Men who have been active politically are given preferential treatment when weekend passes are given out. Similarly, an annual seven-day furlough, granted as a reward for the performance of outstanding duties, is usually granted to those men who are considered the most reliable politically.
2. Marriage. Previous regulations specified that an officer could apply for permission to marry when he reached the age of 28. This regulation has been abolished; an age limit no longer exists. Permission, however, is still required. A special committee, working under the guidance of the cadre section of the officer's unit, must approve the application. The committee's task is to determine whether the fiancée is politically reliable and comes from a working class family. If these points are affirmed, permission is granted.
3. Medical. A new medical file was established for all officers in September 1951. Officers were required to undergo a physical examination in a military hospital, and the results were recorded in the new file. All officers receive an annual series of three shots for typhoid. The last series was given in November 1951. Prior to September 1951 all Czechoslovak citizens over 18 years old were given blood tests. Blood typing was included in the testing.

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4. Physical Fitness Tests. Annual physical fitness tests are compulsory for officers, and are divided into three categories: those for men under 32, 32 to 40, and over 40 years of age. Tests include 100 meter sprints, 1,500 to 3,000 meter runs, 12 to 20 kilometer marches, hand grenade throwing both for distance and at targets, broad and high jumps, rope climbing, cycling, swimming and wall scaling (the wall is about 2 meters high). The test results are entered in the officer's efficiency rating files. However, they do not as yet affect an officer's efficiency rating.

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